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...AND FALLING FAST.
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...BRAINIAC...HIT ME WITH RED SUN RADIATION...
...TOOK MY POWERS...
...I'M GOING TO NEED SOME HELP...

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OKAY. CARE TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF?
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EASY THERE--
LEGION?
KAZZAT
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN. THAT'S YOU IN THERE, ISN'T IT--

--QUISLET.
HELLO!
KZZAP
HELLO. HOW'D YOU KNOW I WAS IN TROUBLE--
I SAW YOU LEAVE BRAINIAC'S BRAINISHIP! I THOUGHT I'D FOLLOW AND HAVE SOME FUN!
AND WHATTA GREAT TIME IT'S BEEN! HIDING IN ROBOTS! SAVING THE SUPERMAN! KIK KIK KOK!
OOP, HERE COMES MY SHIP!
AAAAAAAAH!
}BREEP{ MUCH BETTER!
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HE DID IT AGAIN. BRAINIAC STOLE MY PEOPLE.
WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK ON HIS SHIP. ONCE BRAINIAC TAKES A CITY, HE DESTROYS THE PLANETS THEY'RE FROM.
:BREEP: MY INTERNAL SENSORS INDICATE THAT BRAINIAC HAS NOW ADJUSTED HIS FORCE FIELD TO COUNTER EVERY METHOD WE'VE USED PREVIOUSLY.
IT DOESN'T MATTER. BRAINIAC'S RED SUN RADIATION JUST WORE OFF.
WE'RE GETTING BACK IN THERE--
--WHETHER BRAINIAC LIKES IT OR NOT.
YES! GO GO GO!
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BRAINIAC'S SHIP.
..OCATION UNKNOWN.
LITTLE BUSY HERE, CHAM!
...WE... THE BOTTLE CITIES...AREN'T GOING TO FIND... THEMSELVES...
SUPERBOY... THIS WALL IS...FIGHTING BACK...
...NOT SURE HOW MUCH LONGER...I CAN KEEP IT--

CHAM, WE'VE GOT COMPANY!
STARMAN, QUICK! USE YOUR--
CHAMELEON BOY! ELEMENT LAD!
HUH. NOT EVEN SCRATCHED.
OKAY, YOU WANNA PLAY REALLY ROUGH? I CAN DO REALLY ROUGH--
THAT WON'T WORK.

LEX?
THE WALLS OF BRAINIAC'S SHIP HAVE UNIQUE PROPERTIES. I ASSURE YOU, YOU'LL ONLY HURT YOUR HAND.
IRRRRRRRRR
I'LL HURT SOMETHING ELSE INSTEAD THEN!
WHAT THE ##% ARE YOU DOING HERE?
BRAINIAC AND I HAVE AN AGREEMENT. HE GETS WHAT HE CAME FOR, AND I GO HOME HAPPY--
SUPERBOY. I'VE COME MILLIONS OF MILES TO A PLANET FULL OF KRYPTONIANS.
TOO BAD YOU WON'T MAKE IT HOME, LEX, 'CAUSE I'M GONNA PUT YOU IN A HOSPITAL! ESPECIALLY AFTER THAT CRAP YOU PULLED IN SMALLVILLE--
DID YOU REALLY THINK I WOULDN'T BRING PROTECTION?
KIK-KIK-KOK!
HHHRNN--
Y'KNOW... THIS KRYPTONITE TRAP STUFF...IS GETTING... OLD...
FOR ONCE WE AGREE ON SOMETHING, SUPERBOY.

BUT DON'T WORRY, I DOUBT YOU'LL HAVE TO SUFFER IT EVER AGAIN.
LEX, WAIT--
UNNNH.
OW.
...WHERE THE HELL AM--?
OH, MAN...

...THIS IS SO NOT GOOD.

LOOK AT ME.
IN SPACE.
LOOK AT ME LOOKING.
THE PLANETS. THE WORLDS I'VE SEEN.
THIS IS ALL I'VE EVER WANTED.

NO!
NO JOURNEY FOR YOU, DAXAMITE!
NO GOING.
NO SEEKING!
IT'S BACK TO YOUR HOMEWORLD FOR YOU!
NEVER! DAXAM IS A PRISON TO SOMEONE LIKE ME! I CAN'T--
IT'S PRISON FOR YOU ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, MON-EL.

IT'S DAXAM OR, IT'S THE PHANTOM ZONE.
NO! A LIFE OF ETERNAL NOTHINGNESS? NO!
WE'VE COME TO TAKE YOU BACK THERE.
NEVER! I'M NOT GOING BACK! I'M NEVER GOING BACK!
I'M--

WAIT! WHAT! WHERE ARE THEY TAKING MON-EL?
FOR THAT MATTER...

...NOW, DID I GET IN THE ROBOTTLIC CITY OF KANDOR?
HOW...?
YOU WERE LOWERED IN FROM ABOVE.
YES, METAL TENTACLES PLACED YOU HERE.
SO I'M TINY? THAT IS CRAZY BAD NEWS, HOW AM I--
NO. IT IS WHAT IT IS. SMALL OR NO, I'VE STILL GOT MY POWERS.
SURE, WE ALL HAVE. WE CAN FLY UP, AND--
OH NO
ZOD.
FUNNY...MY LEGION FLIGHT RING...NEVER USED IT TO ACTUALLY FLY BEFORE. IT TINGLES A LITTLE WHILE I

THESE?
ZOD!
CLONE.
WHAT'S HAPPENING? YOU'RE PLANNING A COUNTER-ATTACK?
NO CONCERN OF YOURS.
BUT I WANT IN.
THE LAST TIME WE MET, YOU WERE EMPOWERED. AND TOGETHER WITH YOUR MOTLEY PACK OF ALIENS YOU ESCAPED ME.
I SEE NO ALIENS NOW.
NOR A BOY WITH ANY POWERS, SAVE THAT RING. I'D NEVER LET YOU BE A PART OF WHAT I'M PLANNING. NO, THE ONLY USE YOU MIGHT HAVE IS AS A HOSTAGE...A POSSIBLE BARGAINING CHIP IN MY FUTURE DEALINGS WITH KAL-EL.
GENERAL, CONNER IS... N A WAY...MY RELATION. I'M NOT SURE I CAN AGREE TO--
THIS IS A MILITARY OPERATION, ALURA. I AM IN COMMAND. AGREE OR NOT, I REALLY DON'T CARE.
ARREST THIS CREATURE!
NO POWERS, HUH?
MAYBE NOT KRYPTONIAN, BUT I STILL HAVE ONE TRICK UP MY SLEEVE. ONE OTHER POWER.

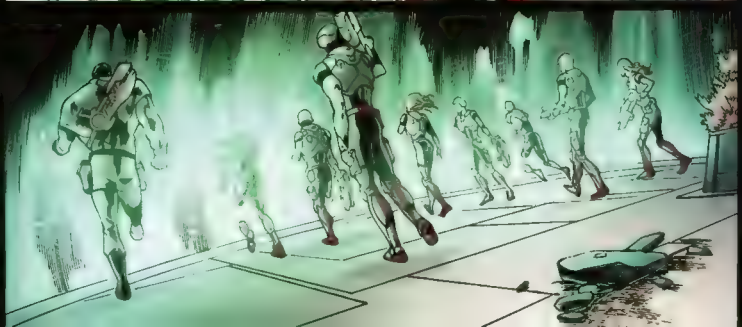
TOUCHDOWN!
TACTILE TELEKINESIS. YOU LIKE THAT?
YEAH, IT'S COOL TO BE A CLONE.

LIKE YOU SAY, A "TRICK UP YOUR SLEEVE."
A TRICK THAT YOU'VE NOW *PLAYED.*
HERE.
LET ME SHOW YOU HOW A TRAINED SOLDIER PLAYS.

NOW WATCH AND LEARN, BOY.

ACCORDING TO OUR SCIENTISTS, THESE DEVICES...REVERSE-ENGINEERED FROM BRAINIAC'S OWN TECHNOLOGY...WILL ALLOW A SMALL FORCE OF US TO ESCAPE THIS "BOTTLE" AND RE-ENLARGE.
A SMALL FORCE WITH FIGHTING SKILLS LIKE MINE AND--*OUTSIDE* OF THIS PRISON--SUPERPOWERS, TOO.
A SMALL FORCE LED BY *ME*.
YES, CLONE. WATCH AND LEARN.

BRAINIAC REVENGE SQUAD, ADVANCE!



NOW.
LET'S RUIN BRAINIAC'S DAY.
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TRANSIENT PERSONNEL BARRACKS, PROJECT 7734 BUNKER.
I AM AWAKE. THERE IS NO SLEEP HERE.
I CAN HEAR THEM ALL, IN CONSTANT ACTIVITY. THE INSECT-HIVE THRUM OF GENERAL LANE'S APPARATUS OF DEATH, ALWAYS WORKING.
A DEADLY LABOR, AND ONE THAT EXACTS A HIGH PRICE.
I CANNOT MOURN THE DEAD. I CANNOT RISK THE SLIGHTEST SLIP IN MY COVER, OR QUEX-UL WILL HAVE DIED IN VAIN.
QUEX-UL, MY COMRADE IN ARMS. MY FRIEND.
MY VICTIM.
I MUST BURY MY HATE, AND MY GUILT, UNTIL THE TIME IS RIGHT.
ON YOUR FEET, OFFICER ROMUNDI.
GENERAL LANE NEEDS YOU IN THE OPS CENTER, ON THE DOUBLE.
I MUST BE STILL. I MUST BE CALM. I AM A STONE.
WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, I WILL AVENGE THE DEATH OF MY COMRADE.
AND THE LAST FACE GENERAL SAMUEL LANE WILL SEE SHALL BE MINE.
VERY WELL.
IT WOULDN'T DO TO KEEP HIM WAITING.

THE PHANTOM ZONE.
YEARS AGO.
I TRUST YOU'RE SETTLING IN, CAR-VEX?
YES, GENERAL. I'M... GRATEFUL.

QUEX-UL MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS SOME UNPLEASANTNESS WITH JAX-UR.
NO, GENERAL. I'M FINE, I--
--I AM A MURDERER, AS JAX-UR DELIGHTS IN REMINDING ME

AS IF I COULD EVER FORGET.

JAX-UR IS A SADIST, THOUGH ADMITTEDLY A RATHER USEFUL ONE.
I AM A SOLDIER, CAR-VEX. I HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WHEN IT COMES TO DEATH.
SHALL I TELL YOU A SECRET?

IT WAS NOT YOUR FAULT.

THOSE CHILDREN DIED BECAUSE OF ME--
THOSE CHILDREN DIED BECAUSE OF UNREASONABLE DEMANDS PLACED UPON YOU BY YOUR GUILD.
THE FAULT WAS NOT YOURS. YOU WERE AN INSTRUMENT OF OTHERS, LOCKED ON A PREDESTINED PATH YOU HAD NO SAY IN.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND--
IMAGINE A STONE, CHILD. A STONE CANNOT BE A MURDERER.
WERE I TO CRUSH THE SKULL OF AN ENEMY WITH THAT STONE, IS THAT DEATH THE STONE'S FAULT?
IS THAT THE STONE'S ONLY POTENTIAL? TO KILL?
NONSENSE.
IT HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO BE AN INSTRUMENT OF ANOTHER'S WILL.
YES, IT CAN BE A WEAPON. BUT IT CAN ALSO BE THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH SOMETHING GREATER CAN BE BUILT.
SO THE CHOICE IS NOW YOURS, CAR-VEX. WILL YOU JOIN US?
WILL YOU BE PART OF SOMETHING BETTER?
...YES, MY GENERAL.
I AM A STONE.

I'VE BEEN HERE FIVE DAYS, AND I'VE ONLY SEEN A FRACTION OF THIS FACILITY.
QWEX-UL'S DEATH BOUGHT ME SOME TRUST, BUT LANE IS NO FOOL. HE WILL BE CAUTIOUS.
IS IT MY IMAGINATION, LIEUTENANT...
...OR HAS THE HARDWARE HERE GOTTEN BIGGER?
THE BATTLESUITS? JUST SOME OF OUR NEW TOYS.
YOU SHOULD SEE THE STUFF DOWN ON "Z" LEVEL.
YES, I SHOULD. NO ONE GETS DOWN THERE WITHOUT THE GENERAL.
WHATEVER HE'S GOT DOWN THERE IS IMPORTANT.
MA'AM.
WEAPONS, INTEL. SOMETHING HE NEEDS. SOMETHING I'LL NEED TO TAKE AWAY FROM HIM.
COMMANDING GENERAL'S AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED
YOU'RE EXPECTED. HEAD ON IN.
SMASH IT ALL TO FLINDERS BEFORE LANE USES IT FOR---
YOU'RE IN FOR QUITE A SHOW, OFFICER ROMUNDI.
OH, NO.

SOMETHING TERRIBLE.
IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU HAVE A RINGSIDE SEAT TO THE EXTINCTION OF AN ENTIRE CULTURE.
BRAINIAC.
IN THE SHINY FLESH, DROPPING IN FOR A RETURN VISIT WITH OUR KRYPTONIAN NEIGHBORS.
WHICH SHOULD BE GIVING ZOD ROYAL FITS.
GOOD. MAYBE WE CAN USE THIS...DISTRACTION TO OUR ADVANTAGE--
YOU DON'T NEED TO CONCERN YOURSELF WITH THAT, OFFICER ROMUNDI.
EVERYTHING'S OFF SOMEHOW. FEELS WRONG.

OR SHOULD I JUST CALL YOU CAR-VEX?
HE KNOWS.
BRING HIM TO RAO'S SEVEN HELLS. HE KNOWS.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU CALL ME, GENERAL, SO LONG AS IT ENDS IN YOUR DEATH RATTLE.
HOW DOES HE KNOW?
?
FOOL.
I SHOULD THANK YOU FOR THE ASSIST WITH QUEX-UL.
YOUR LITTLE TRICK WITH THE IRRADIATED BACTERIA MADE IT INTO OUR PLAYBOOK, IF THAT'S ANY CONSOLATION.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW ARE YOU FEELING? TIRED? SLUGGISH?
--KILL YOU ALL--
GOT SNARED IN MY OWN TRAP.
TANGO ON THE MOVE!
SHOOT HER!
TOO DAMN FAST!
LOCK DOWN THE FACILITY!
SHE IS THE ENEMY NOW.
SPINNING UP RED SUN GENERATORS!
A STACK OF NEARLY UNDETECTABLE BACTERIA THAT BURNS OFF INTO POWER-DAMPENING IRRADIATED PARTICLES WHEN KRYPTONIANS MOVE AT SUPER-SPEED.
COULD'VE BEEN EXPOSED FOR DAYS WITHOUT KNOWING. POWERS COULD GIVE OUT AT ANY MOMENT.
NNNGGH!
KRASH
SHE IS TOO CONFIDENT IN HIS OWN DEFENSES. EVEN IF I MANAGE TO KILL HIM, HIS WAR MACHINE WILL ROLL ON.
--AAGH!
--GNNNH!
HAVE TO DISMANTLE THE MACHINE, WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME.
SHE'S HEADING FOR THE SECURE SUBLEVEL!

LIGHT IS GONE. HEAT VISION, TOO.
STRENGTH IS FAILING...
WHUNNING
I AM A STONE.
AAAAAA--
SPLRCH
THIS IS NOT MURDER.
THIS IS WAR.
IN WAR, DEATH IS NECESSARY.

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INVITABLE.
NO. PLEASE, NO.
NADIRA? AZ-REL?
ONE MUST HAVE BROKEN THEM. I WAS UNMASKED BEFORE THIS BEGAN.
CAR-VEX...
...--KAFF-- SORRY...SO SORRY...
--KAFF-- JUST WANTED... PAIN TO... STOP...
--DIDN'T KNOW WHERE QUEX-UL WAS. --KAFF KAFF--
--KEPT HURT-NG US. KNEW--KAFF --THAT YOU COULD FIND HIM--
HUSH, SISTER.
I FORGIVE Y--
NNNNGH!
WHUDD

HEAD IS POUNDING. MY POWERS ARE GONE.
IT'S OVER, CAR-VEX.
YOUR FRIENDS HERE COULDN'T HELP ME FIND QUEX-UL, BUT THEY TOLD ME YOU COULD.
RADIATION MAKES MY SKIN BURN.
AND THE WORST PAIN OF ALL.
THEY TOLD ME WHAT YOUR MISSION WAS: INFILTRATE MY OPERATION AND KILL ME.
NOT A BAD PLAN, EXCEPT THE INSTANT YOU SET FOOT INSIDE THIS BUNKER, YOU WERE MARKED AS A KRYPTONIAN.
JUST GET IT OVER WITH, GENERAL.
I'M ALREADY SICK OF HEARING YOU GLOAT.
OF MY FAILURE.
FAIR ENOUGH
KLIK
I'LL TELL YOU THIS, SOLDIER TO SOLDIER. YOU FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT.
IT'S NOT PERSONAL, CAR-VEX. IT'S JUST THE WAY IT'S GOT TO BE.
IF THE SITUATION WERE REVERSED, WOULD YOU SHOW ME ANY MERCY?
NO.
WELL, THERE YOU GO.
IF IT HELPS ANY, WHERE YOU'RE GOING...
...YOU'LL SOON HAVE PLENTY OF COMPANY.
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VERY NICE, GENTLEMEN. THOUGH, JON, YOU WERE LATE ON YOUR ENTRANCE.
SORRY, ZEE. IT'S THIS CAPE. HOW ARE REAL PEOPLE SUPPOSED TO WEAR THESE?
DROP IT IN WARDROBE I'LL HAVE RUTHIE SHORTEN IT FOR THE NEXT SHOW.
AND AS TO HOW TO WEAR IT, PRACTICE.
MIKEY, THE HINGES ON THE TRAP DOOR NEED TO BE REPLACED.
ON IT, BOSS.
ANY MORE DISASTERS BEFORE I COLLAPSE INTO A BUBBLE BATH AND A GLASS OF MERLOT? NO? FANTASTIC.
MS. ZATARA?
I'M SORRY, WE'RE NOT DOING A MEET AND GREET TONIGHT.
I'M NOT A FAN.
REALLY. WELL, TALK TO THE BOX OFFICE ABOUT A REFUND.
SORRY. MAYBE MY I.D. CAN EXPLAIN IT MORE ELOQUENTLY.

DETECTIVE DALE COLTON.
POLICE
I HATE COMING BETWEEN YOU AND A TUB OF WARM BUBBLES, BUT I'D APPRECIATE AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME.
FOR THE POLICE? ALWAYS.
THOUGH I DON'T ALLOW SMOKING BACKSTAGE.
IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE, I CAN WAIT A FEW MINUTES.
NO NEED.
HUH. I HEARD YOU WEREN'T ALL TRICKS AND ILLUSIONS.
DOES THAT UNNERVE YOU, DETECTIVE? IT DOES SOME PEOPLE.
I READ UP ON YOUR OFF-STAGE HISTORY.
AS A MAGICIAN ON CALL WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, YOU'VE PLAYED KEY ROLES IN NUMEROUS METAHUMAN AND PARANORMAL INCIDENTS, ALL FOR THE ULTIMATE GOOD OF HUMANITY, AT LEAST AS FAR AS I COULD ASCERTAIN.

VERY THOROUGH, BUT YOU DIDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION.
I OPERATE IN THE HERE AND NOW, MS. ZATARA.

WHAT GOES ON AT THE CAPES AND TIGHTS LEVEL DOESN'T REGISTER MUCH IN A POLICE DETECTIVE'S WORLD. AT LEAST, UNTIL TONIGHT.
WHY TONIGHT?

DO YOU LIKE STEAK?
I'M A VEGETARIAN. AND...ARE YOU ASKING ME ON A DATE?

NO, BUT I THOUGHT I'D WARN YOU THAT AFTER STEPPING INSIDE THE NOB HILL CHOP HOUSE, YOU'D NEVER WANT TO LOOK AT RED MEAT AGAIN.

THAT SOUNDS OMINOUS.
BRACE YOURSELF.

WELL, DETECTIVE, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE A FLAIR FOR UNDERSTATEMENT.

RECOGNIZE THIS ONE?
HIS PICTURE WAS IN THE CHRONICLE OFTEN ENOUGH. ALBERT DE CECCO, LOCAL DRUG KINGPIN.
HE ONCE OFFERED ME TWO MILLION TO PLAY A PRIVATE PARTY ABOARD HIS YACHT. I TOLD HIM I WAS PRONE TO SEASICKNESS AND SAID NO.
WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THEM?
HARD TO SAY. MOST OF THEM WERE MYSTICALLY DISPATCHED, AND PRETTY VICIOUSLY.
TRANSFORMED, COMBUSTED, INFESTED...IT'S LIKE THE SPECTRE WENT ON A BENDER.
THE SPECTRE?
BETTER YOU DON'T KNOW.
¡NO! ¡POR FAVOR! ¡NO ME MATES!
*NO! PLEASE! DON'T KILL ME!
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It's been mentioned here before that **Len Wein** (ONLY the co-creator of much history in several universes! SWAMP THINGs and >snikts<, anyone?) has embarked on an ambitious project that will illustrate the working history of the entire DC Universe!

Also mentioned before are the contributions of some impressive legacies themselves - **Andy** and **Joe Kubert** - illustrating the first two issues' main segments, which show the birth of the Super Hero from Day One! And since we announced that coup, several other top talents have been added to the mix, so it's time for an update!

The project is DC UNIVERSE: LEGACIES, and it launches next month!

Each of the ten issues in this series will begin with two pages drawn by **Scott Kolins** (an awesome sample of which adorns this very page), setting the stage for the era the issue in hand will be covering! Then on to the main story, and after the Kuberts in issues #1 & #2, **Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez** takes over #3 & #4 to draw the dawn of the "silver age" of heroes in the DCU! And don't tell anyone… but **Dave Gibbons** is inking those two amazing issues as I type this report! Talk about Super Team-ups!!!

But wait…there's more!

Len's also written eight-page co-features that spotlight OTHER events of the times represented in each and every issue! So brace yourselves for **J.G. Jones**'s Spectre & Doctor Fate! **J.H. Williams**'s Seven Soldiers of Victory! **Dave Gibbons**'s Sea Devils & Challengers of the Unknown! AND **Joe Kubert**'s War Heroes reunited!

And that's only the first four issues! We'll stop back here periodically to fill you in on the rest of our talent lineup for this series, but suffice it to say: HOLY MOLEY!

The Original Universe is all here in DC UNIVERSE: LEGACIES!

—**Mike Carlin**

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